

REMARKS

Claims 26 and 31 have been canceled. Thus, claims 1-25 and 27-30 and 32 are now pending in the application.

Claims 1-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by Huber.

Applicant initially notes that the application contains claim 1-32. No examination report appears to have been issued by the Examiner with respect to claims 26-32. As such, the Office Action is incomplete. Applicant requests that a complete examination and report with respect to claims 1-32 be provided by the Examiner.

Although not acknowledging the propriety of the November 3, 2004, Office Action, Applicant provides the following comments concerning claims 1-25 and the cited Huber reference in an effort to advance prosecution.

Claims 1 and 21 have been amended to emphasize that the circuit receives an enable signal which controls whether the circuit is enabled or disabled for operation. Claims 1 and 21 have further been amended to emphasize that the regulator circuit also receives this enable signal, and that the selectively provided current values depend on the enable signal value. These features distinguish the claimed invention from the teachings of Huber.

In Huber, the Examiner notes the use of a boost signal which has been asserted to meet the "enable signal" limitation. This boost signal, however, is not an enable signal in the same sense as that now claimed. The boost signal is used (i.e., is active and not active) in Huber only during normal circuit operation. This boost signal is not used to control whether the circuit is made functionally operational (i.e., it does not change the circuit between an enabled state and a disabled state). Rather, when the circuit is functionally operational, the boost signal in Huber is

selectively used (either applied or not applied) to control voltage regulator pull up capability during that normal operation (col. 5, line 65).

There is no teaching or suggestion of a signal, which functions in an enabling capacity, and which is pertinent to both the circuit and the voltage regulator. Still further, there is no teaching or suggestion in Huber for a signal, which functions in an enabling capacity as to both a circuit and its voltage regulator, where that same enabling signal also controls whether the voltage regulator supplies a first current when the circuit is functionally enabled, and otherwise supplies a second current when that circuit is functionally disabled.

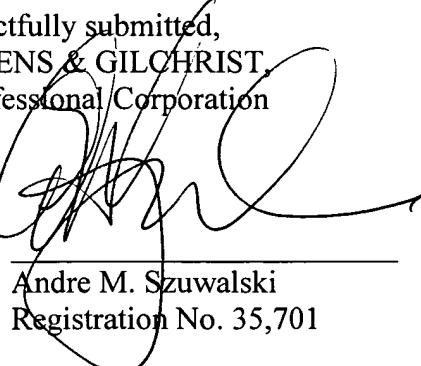
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 21 distinguish over the Huber reference and are in condition for favorable action and allowance.

Claims 11 and 27 have been similarly amended and are believed to be allowable over Huber for at least the same reasons as claims 1 and 21.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for favorable action and allowance.

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